

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Charles City County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

October 23, 2012 to November 6, 2012

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal permitting action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

USDOT/Federal Highway Administration and DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) proposes to construct a section of the Virginia Capital Trail known as the Sherwood Forest Phase in Charles City County. VDOT will construct an approximately 8-foot wide 7.6-mile long asphalt passive recreation trail following Route 5 beginning near the intersection of Route 5 and Sturgeon Point Road (Route 614), proceeding east along Route 5 and ending approximately 0.25-mile from the Chickahominy River Bridge. Various cuts and fills will be required along the corridor depending on local topography. Existing culverts will be extended where possible and to minimize unnecessary impacts to Route 5 and the surrounding area, and four timber bridges will be constructed, primarily in the western portion of the project corridor, to aerially span wetlands and three streams present in these locations. The project is funded by the U.S. Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), Section 404 Clean Water Act (CWA) permit authorization has been obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DEQ has issued Section 401 CWA certification for the proposed action. VDOT has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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